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**PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.: 118041

CUSTOMER NUMBER 25944

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re the Application of

Tomomi YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/773,299

Examiner: Z. Eshete

Filed: February 9, 2004

For: VALVE DRIVE SYSTEM AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	OR	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*20 MINUS	**20	=	x 9	\$		x 18	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	*8 MINUS	***4	=4	x 44	\$		x 88	\$ 352
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+150	\$	OR	+300	\$
					\$			\$ 352

- \* If the entry in Column 1 is less than the entry in Column 2, write "0" in Column 3.  
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☒ Check No. 159378 in the amount of \$352.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the July 7, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**

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